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Group Art Unit: 1742

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Examiner: OLTMANS, Andrew L.

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For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND PROCESS FOR  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1742**

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November 12, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2003, entry of the following amendment  
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